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Dear members:

Summer is the time for a change of pace and celebration of happy occasions. Summer is the time for family members, relatives and friends who live far from each other to get together and renew their relationship and friendship. It is also a great opportunity for young adults to spend a summer vacation together to reinforce our heritage and traditions and become a cohesive community. The KJA annual picnic which was held on July 5th this year provided a great opportunity for families and friends to get together. The picnic was a great success thanks to Mrs Fortunee Lichaa and the many who helped and attended the picnic.

In memory of late Dr. Barakat Massuda, and with the help and support of Mrs Massuda, I have established an educational fund. This fund is called the Massuda Fund and will be for the purpose of educating a Karaite to become a rabbi and for other educational purposes. If anyone is interested in becoming a Karaite rabbi or developing educational programs about Karaism, please contact me.

By the time you receive my message and the bulletin, it will be close to the Jewish holidays. I send my greetings to every member of our community and I hope next year will be full of joy and happiness for everyone. This time of the year is again very important for the KJA to get the financial support to perform its duties and functions. We thank you for your generous past contributions and ask you to continue your support. We are close of having sufficient funds to acquire a piece of land to establish a home for the KJA. Without your strong support and generous donations this year, we will not be able to fulfill this promise. Thank you and God bless you all.

Joe Abel
President

Selected topics from the KJA Board meetings:

- Many hours were spent in discussing the book written by Simon Szyszman entitled KARAISM and translated to english by Leonard Fox.

- The board agreed to help defray the cost of printing the book of THE KARAITE JEWS of EGYPT written by Mr. Mourad El-Kodsi.

- Joe Abel announced that KJA received a check in the amount of \$35,000.00 to establish an educational fund in memory of the late Dr. Baracat Massuda.

- KJA received a donation by Mrs. Flore Mourad in the form of a diamond with retail value of \$5,500.00 which will be raffled soon.

- Elie Moussa has informed the board that our current balance in all the accounts is \$183,441.78.
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Todah Rabbah

Building Fund:
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Mary Mourad in honor of Simone and Albert Saleh Wedding.

Mary Mourad in celebrating the new arrival of baby Lea Miriam daughter of Helen and David Siahou.

Mary Mourad in honor of Fred and Ylva Mourad Wedding Anniversary.

Mary Mourad in the occasion of Jacob Moussa Bar Mitzvah.

Mary Mourad in celebrating the new arrival of baby Rachel daughter of Joe and Fifi Moussa.

Mary Mourad in the occasion of Debbie Moussa's engagement.

Mary Mourad in celebrating the new arrival of baby Maurice Pessah son of Jacques and Linda Pessah.

The Karaite Jews of Egypt

From 1882-1986

Mourad El-Kodsi

The book everyone is waiting for will be in your hand very soon promises Mr. El-Kodsi.

In The Karaite Jews of Egypt, Mourad El-Kodsi offers for the first time a comprehensive and scholarly study of the little known history of the Karaite Jews. Dealing primarily with the period from 1882 to 1986, El-Kodsi's text reveals the many dimensions of the Karaite's rich cultural heritage, and is supplemented by numerous photographs and reproductions of authentic karaite documents of historic importance. In a style that is at once uncompromising and sensitive, the author examines the folk traditions, societal patterns, and artistic contribution of this once flourishing society.

Although virtually unknown to most of the Judaic communities in North and South America, Karaites are a Judaic sect whose history, according to some sources, stretches back to the time of the destruction of the second temple. It was not until the 8th century, however, that the karaites split from the mother synagogue.

The Karaites once comprised hundreds of communities dotting parts of Europe, Asia and Africa, and at one time constituted 40 percent of the world Jewish population. Today they have dwindled to a mere handful of communities, nevertheless, their vast array of cultural, artistic, and academic contribution are treasured by museums and institutes throughout the world, and await scholarly investigation and appreciation.

The book opens with brief historical review and assessment of the Karaite community in Egypt from the seventh century until recent times. The opening chapter

details the everyday's life in the Karaite community. Their liturgy and ideology is discussed. Since all non-Muslim communities were self ruled until 1956, El-Kodsi analyzes the parts played by the Religious Councils and Courts in the Karaite form of self government, including a detailed description of the Internal and Personal Status Code. The author, himself a Karaite Jew, enlivens the text with a first hand narrative of religious ceremonies, holy days, social activities, and sporting events enjoyed by members of the Karaite community, thereby lending an authentic flavor to his text.

El-Kodsi substantiates his information by citing a number of impressive sources: documents garnered from the archives of the Karaite Bet-Din; articles and books written by both Karaite and Rabbanite scholars; minutes of the Religious Councils; and, finally, his own collection of photographs, documents and memoir. His study is further complemented by biographical accounts of two famous Karaites: Daoud Hosni the foremost composer of Arabic music throughout the Arab world; and Mourad Farag, the well known poet and author of scholarly texts in both Arabic and Hebrew.

The final chapter explores the future of the Karaites, tracing their 20th century exodus from Egypt and outlining the various problems faced by the remaining communities of Karaites left in the world especially that of Israel.

Mourad El-Kodsi's exhaustive research and sensitive treatment of the Karaite's history, form a significant contribution to the academic awareness of a remarkable people, too frequently neglected in the field of Judaic and Eastern studies.

About the author: Mourad El-Kodsi was born in Cairo, Egypt in 1919. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from the university of Cairo in 1942 and his master's degree in education from the university of Rochester in 1963.

Z E K H E R

The names below were remembered during our monthly Saturday and special prayers. KJA thanks everyone who contributed in their beloved memory.

LILIAN EL TAHAN BAT SHALOM PESSAH	DR. BARAKAT MASSUDA
ALAIN BEN YEHOU DA HA COHEN	MARY DARWISH
YOUSSEF ABRAHAM DARWISH	ABDOU DARWISH
LIETO IBRAHIM MARZOUK	VITA FARAG MASLIAH
FLORA SHABTAI DARWISH	HABIB EL TAHAN
YOUSSEF FARAG MASLIAH	BAROUKH MENASHE
FARAG YOUSSEF MASLIAH	YESHA VITA HAYIM
MOUSSA FARAG MASLIAH	GRACIA FARAG NOUNA
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FLORE ABDALLAH CHAMMAS	NAHAMA DAUD LEVY
SHALOM IBRAHIM MASSOUDA	AMAR DAUD DARWISH
FORTUNEE DAUD LICHAA	ELIE BAROUKH LICHAA
LIETO YOUSSEF ELKODSI	ESTHER ELIAHOU NONO
MOURAD YOUSSEF ABDEL WAHED	JOSEPH ZAKI LICHAA
ESTHER DAUD MASSOUDA	ZAKI MENASHE
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LIETO FARAG EL SERGANI	SARINE MENASHE
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LOUNA BAT ABRAHAM BAROUKH	YEHOU DA BEN OVADIA
RACHEL BAT ABRAHAM BAROUKH	BAROUKH EL SERGANI
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ESTHER YOUSSEF ABDALLAH	DR. FARID MASSOUDA
LICHAA ISHAK LICHAA	SOLTANA EL TAHAN
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LIETO FARAG MASSUDA	YOUSSEF ELTAHAN
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MOSHE BEN ABRAHAM ABDEL WAHED	MERIAM ABDEL WAHED
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MOSHE BEN ELIAHOU PESSAH	KAMAR PESSAH
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HAFAZ ELIAHOU TAHAN	RAHMIN FARAG LEVY
LOUNA BAT ABRAHAM BAROUKH	BELLA FARAG SHAMMAS
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ESTHER ELIAHOU NOUNOU	FORTUNEE PESSAH
RAHEL BAT YACCOUB KAHIL	FLORE YACCOUB KAHIL
ABRAHAM BEN YACCOUB KAHIL & ZOGATO	MIRIAM
HABIB YOUSSEF LICHAA	MOUSSA PESSAH
MATHILDA HABIB LICHAA	
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MOUSSA BEN YOUSSEF PESSAH	
YACOV ELIAHOU ELGAZAR	
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 4th annual KJA picnic party will be held on September 13th, 1987. Plan on joining us for a day of fun and socializing.

We are now accepting advertisement to help pay the cost of publication of the KJA Bulletin. Anyone interested in placing an ad should contact Fred Lichaa (415) 341-4725, home. Do a mitzva for the Karaite's community and help your business at the same time ----- place an ad.



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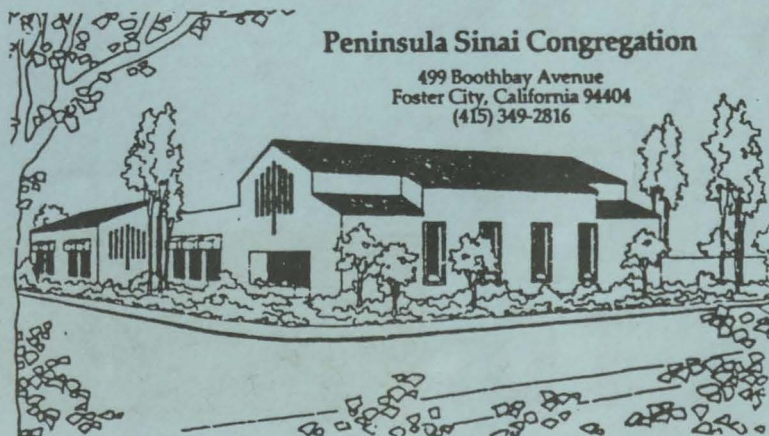
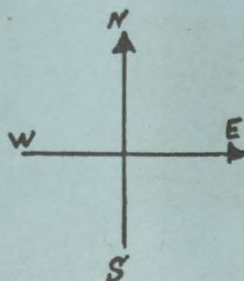
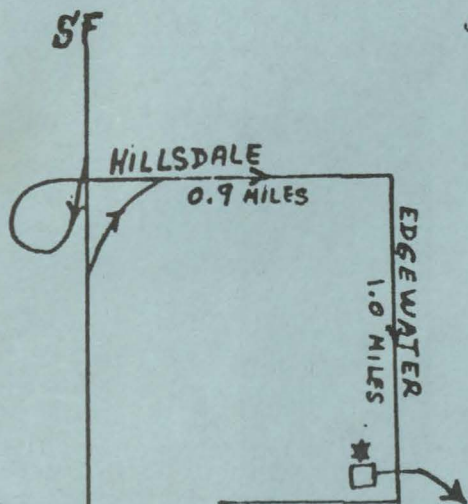
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	Rosh Hashanah
OCTOBER 3rd	(Elie Moussa)
	Yom Kippur
OCTOBER 14th	(Joe Pessah)
	Erev Simhat Torah
NOVEMBER 7th	
DECEMBER 5th	
JANUARY 2nd	



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